

**WILLIAMSBURG
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, March 13, 2007**

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Williamsburg Architectural Review Board was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Williamsburg Municipal Building, 401 Lafayette Street.

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

Chairman Spence called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Spence were Board members Messrs. Edwards, Lane and Klee. Mr. Quarles arrived late. Absent were Board members Hertzler and Kent. Staff members Deputy Planning Director Murphy and Secretary Scott were present.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Spence explained the consent agenda procedure to the audience stating that if an application is in full compliance with the ***Design Review Guidelines***, it is placed on the consent agenda. If no member of the Board has any question regarding the application and concurs that it is in full compliance with the *Guidelines*, the audience is asked if they are present to discuss any case on the Consent Agenda. If there is no one in the audience present to discuss any item on the Consent Agenda, those applications are approved as submitted and the applicants dismissed without further discussion.

Applications on tonight's Consent Agenda:

ARB #07-019 The Mid-Atlantic Group, Inc./116 Washington Street – Accessory Building (detached garage)

Mr. Lane asked for removal from the consent agenda of **ARB #06-071: American Health Properties, LLC/328 North Henry Street – Health Evaluation Center** for discussion.

Mr. Edwards moved that the remaining case on the consent agenda, **ARB #07-019: The Mid-Atlantic Group, Inc./116 Washington Street – Accessory Building (detached garage)**, be approved as submitted. Mr. Lane seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 4-0.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Edwards, Klee, Spence, Lane
Nay:	None
Absent:	Hertzler, Quarles, Kent

ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT

ARB #06-071: American Health Properties, LLC/328 North Henry Street – Health Evaluation Center – Approved with Conditions

Present at the meeting were the applicant, Myrl Hairfield and the architect, Paul Garrison with Lyall Design Architects.

Mr. Lane said his question about this proposal is about the trim line under the windows; can they lower it so it is in line with the cornice?

Mr. Hairfield responded that they will be happy to do so and agreed it will improve the appearance. Mr. Klee asked if the first floor windows could be raised at least one inch. The applicant and Board members discussed options for improving the visual impact of the building height increase from 29.6 feet to 33 feet. Mr. Winks said they may look at leaving the windows where they are and moving the trim line.

[Mr. Quarles arrived.]

Mr. Klee noted that the elevation would be improved if they can move the windows as high as possible, even if it's only six inches. He then moved that the increase in the building height be approved as submitted with the conditions that the beltline be dropped so it is aligned with the fascia board and that the first floor windows be raised as much as possible without interfering with the planned interior design. Mr. Lane seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Edwards, Klee, Quarles, Spence, Lane
Nay:	None
Absent:	Hertzler, Kent

ARB #07-020 Barton/706 Jamestown Road – Addition (screen porch) – Approved

Ketih Sobczak, architect with Charles W. Ross, Builder, Inc. was present to represent the applicant. He said they are proposing a flat roof screen porch with brick stoop and stairs. Also proposed are wooden railings and columns wrapped with PVC. The railing on the roof will be a composite material. The trim, screen framing, columns, lattice and roof railing will be painted white. Mr. Sobczak distributed samples of the proposed materials and noted that they are attempting to provide a structure that requires low maintenance; the existing house is all wood.

Mrs. Murphy confirmed that the *Design Review Guidelines* give the Board the prerogative to consider the use of a "high quality synthetic material" for the trim on a case-by-case basis.

Mr. Klee stated that this is the most extensive use of PVC that has come before the Board.

Mr. Quarles noted the addition is concealed from the street. He said that because of the distance from Jamestown Road as well as the addition not being visible to most people, he would support the proposal.

Mr. Lane said he sees no reason not to stay within the *Design Review Guidelines* for the AP-2 District. He added he is not sure that the low maintenance issue justifies a deviation from the *Guidelines*.

Chairman Spence asked for the wishes of the Board, and added that personally he would support the proposal because of the location and distance from the street. Mr. Edwards agreed with Mr. Quarles' comment in support of the addition using the materials as presented.

Mr. Spence moved that the addition be approved as submitted. Mr. Quarles seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 3-2.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Edwards, Quarles, Spence
Nay:	Lane, Klee
Absent:	Hertzler, Kent

CORRIDOR PROTECTION DISTRICT

None

SIGNS

SIGN #07-012 6 Crabs Seafood House/118 Second Street – Building Mounted Sign – Approved with Conditions

Roger Harp, with Creative Sign Builders, representing the applicant was present to respond to questions or comments. He said the proposal is for a single faced, interior illuminated sign mounted in the center of the building. The existing projecting sign will be removed. He clarified that the word "House" will be removed from the sign. Mr. Harp distributed samples of the proposed colors, Daffodil Yellow and Ocean Blue lettering on a white opaque background. The frame will be bronze.

Board members compared the proposed colors with the *Design Review Guidelines* approved colors and determined that although Vista Yellow is a bit deeper than Daffodil Yellow, it is acceptable, and the *Guideline's* Vivid Blue or Shadow Blue would be a close match to the proposed Ocean Blue. Mr. Harp said they would try to match the

Vivid Blue on the color chart. The number of colors proposed was also discussed, with the Board concluding that the white background would not be counted, thereby resulting in three colors, yellow, blue and the bronze of the frame, which is the number generally permitted. Mr. Spence stated that Daffodil Yellow is within the approved color range, but he is having difficulty with the blue because the approved colors are more subdued than those proposed. Mr. Harp noted that they are attempting to avoid the use of the darker colors because light does not effectively shine through them.

Mr. Klee expressed that the Board prefers to have a dark background with light lettering, and suggested the applicant consider blue as the background with yellow lettering; he added that the Board needs to be cognizant of the issue of precedent setting.

Mr. Spence moved that the sign be approved with the condition that the background will be opaque white and the lettering will be Daffodil Yellow and Vivid Blue. Mr. Klee seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Edwards, Klee, Quarles, Spence, Lane
Nay:	None
Absent:	Hertzler, Kent

OTHER

Minutes for February 27, 2007

The minutes for the February 27, 2007 meeting were approved as presented viva voce.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Dee Scott
Secretary